

STI International Seminar | Workshop



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15:00 - 17:00



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Arriaga Room

Objective: To work together on and further develop the key questions and elements identified during the morning session and the first iteration of the research - the first 150 listening sessions and the comparative analysis.

AGENDA

15:00 - 15:15 | Opening and summary of the morning session (ALC)

- Key points identified during the morning session
- Objectives and questions for the afternoon workshop

15:15 - 16:00 | Part 1: The Basque Country as a STI sandbox

- Introduction to the topic by Mikel Landabaso & Fermin Cerezo (5' short presentations each). Taking as a starting point Mikel Landabaso's proposal during the first collective interpretation session - "The Basque Country as Europe's greenhouse: a sandbox for STI experimentation" - and using Valencia's urban sandbox as a practical reference (ref: [Sandbox Urbano Valencia](#)), we will explore the possibility of adapting a sandbox model to the Basque context and focusing it on specific STI areas.
- Joint discussion (30'): What elements or components should a sandbox of this kind include? What potential could it have for managing socio-ecological transitions?
- Points to consider:
 - Transformative portfolio approach (ref: [Transformative portfolios](#))
 - Collaborative governance.
 - The role of narratives.

16:00 - 16:45 | Part 2: Designing and evaluating inclusive STI policies in the context of transitions

- Introduction to the topic by Michal Miedzinski (5' short presentation). Building on the previous discussion, this session aims to jointly explore the implications of making the Basque Country a territory for advanced STI experimentation in Europe - in evaluation, funding, digital infrastructure and other areas.
- Joint discussion (30'): Based on Rick and Elvira's presentations this morning ([ref: Inclusive Innovation report](#)), and the framework developed by Michal for policy evaluation ([ref: POLiFRAME](#)), what do we mean by inclusive innovation? How can we ensure inclusive innovation in policy design and evaluation?
- Points to consider:
 - Developmental evaluation.
 - Systemic funding.
 - New digital infrastructures.

16:45 - 17:00 | Closing (ALC)

- Overall summary
- Agreements and priorities for the next year of the research